

What is claimed is:

1. An image processing apparatus including image storing means for storing image data, said image processing apparatus comprising:

first managing means for generating first management information used to manage the image data, which are to be stored in said image storing means, on a single unit image basis; and

second managing means for generating second management data used to manage one or more unit images as a single image file.

2. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the image data are specified by said first management information on a single unit image basis out of the image file specified by said second management information.

3. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, further comprising third managing means for generating third management information representative of a list of the image files stored in said image storing means, said third management information being stored in the image storing means.

4. An apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein the image storing means comprises a storing medium removably mounted to said apparatus.

5. An apparatus as claimed in claim 4, further



means.

10. An apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein the image storing means comprises a storing medium removably mounted to said apparatus.

11. An apparatus as claimed in claim 10, further comprising internal storing means built in said apparatus for writing at least one of said first management information, said second management information and said third management information stored in the storing medium and holding said information until said storing medium has been removed from said apparatus.

12. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first management information and said second management information are stored in the image storing means in relation to the image data.

13. An apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the image storing means comprises a storing medium removably mounted to said apparatus.

14. An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, further comprising internal storing means built in said apparatus for writing at least one of said first management information, said second management information and said third management information stored in the storing medium and holding said information until said storing medium has been removed from said apparatus.

15. In an image information managing method for an image processing apparatus including image storing means for storing image data, the image data are managed by first management information for managing said image data, which are to be stored in said image storing means, on a single unit image basis and second management data for managing one or more unit images as a single image file.

16. A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the image data are specified by said first management information on a single unit image basis out of the image file specified by said second management information.

17. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein said method is stored in a computer as a program to be executed by said computer.

18. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the image storing means comprises a storing medium removably mounted to the image processing apparatus.

19. A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein said method is stored in a computer as a program to be executed by said computer.

20. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein said first management information and said second management information are stored in the image storing means in relation to the image data.

21. A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein said

method is stored in a computer as a program to be executed by said computer.

22. A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the image storing means comprises a storing medium removably mounted to the image processing apparatus.

23. A method as claimed in claim 22, wherein said method is stored in a computer as a program to be executed by said computer.

24. A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the image storing means comprises a storing medium removably mounted to the image processing apparatus.

25. A method as claimed in claim 24, wherein said method is stored in a computer as a program to be executed by said computer.

26. A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said method is stored in a computer as a program to be executed by said computer.